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APPARATUS FOR PROMOTING BONE GROWTH, ESPECIALLY FOR OSTEOSYNTHESIS OF BONE FRAGMENTS AND/OR

FIXATION OF BONE

FRACTURES

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified US National Phase application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.